

**Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
October, 9, 2007**

1. Call To Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

2. Audience of Citizens:

Superintendent Michael Buoniconti, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice, Rebecca Richardson, Bob Clancy, Jack Packard, Cindy Laffond, Bill Loomis, Cara Morano, Laurie Laffond, and Joanne Blier were present.

3. Rowe Energy Committee:

- A. Discussed the exploration of the potential procurement of an energy savings performance contract. It was decided at this time the information was presented to the School Committee to late to make a final decision on a vote. Maggie Rice proposed to have Business Manager Joanne Blier, Superintendent Michael Buoniconti, and Legal Council to review the contract and the School Committee will also review it. The School Committee will send a letter to the Board of Selectman to invite them to attend our next School Committee Meeting on November 12, 2007 for an approximate ½ hour discussion on this matter. (See Appendix A).

4. Audience of Citizens:

- A. Bill Loomis had a question regarding the June 19, 2007 School Committee Meeting. At that meeting it was brought up by David Dvore if there were any other means for Rowe to reduce there overall school budget.
 - a. It was discussed how Mohawk and Hawlemont have decided to change their insurance plans to the state insurance plan which will save a substantial about of money for their schools. Mohawk will be happy to share names and phone numbers with Rowe for them to further explore this option of saving money.

5. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to accept the August 21, 2007 meeting minutes. Unanimous yes vote.

6. Correspondence:

- A. Letter from the Board of Selectman to make sure all copies of School Committee Meeting minutes are sent to the Town Office.

7. Unfinished Business:

- A. Outdoor Classroom – Will complete the project before spring with REAP Grant money. A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to allot a cap of up to \$5,000.00 for the completion of the outdoor classroom from the REAP Grant. Unanimous yes vote.
- B. Security at Front Door – Will need a quote for the November Meeting.
- C. After School Program - Will not pursue higher hourly rates at this time.

8. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. None

9. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. 2007 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) - See Appendix B
- B. Group Insurance Commission (GIC) – See Appendix C
- C. Calendar Change – Vote to change the 2007-2008 School Calendar – A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to change the 2007-2008 School Calendar to add an early release day on October 10, 2007, for the purpose of holding an inservice day for mandatory de-escalation training for all staff. Unanimous yes vote.
- D. Rowe Energy Committee – See above
- E. FY08 Operating Statement – See Financial Information.
- F. Accounting Piece – To separate the K-12 budget to a K-6 budget to be handled by the School Committee and a 7-12 budget to be handled by the Town Office.
- G. Medicaid Processing Fee – Lower Pioneer Valley Collaborative which is Medicaid that is provided for students with special needs that is reimbursed to the Town of Rowe in the amount of \$10,000.00 and the school pays the 10% processing fee out of the schools budget.

** The above 2 items will be looked into further with more information to follow at the November Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM AUGUST – SEPTEMBER

- H. Alignment of Educational Planning Instruments –
- I. District Educational Goals -
- J. District Strategic Plan -
- K. 2007-2008 School Improvement Plans -
- L. Superintendent Evaluation –

10. Financial Information:

- A. Monthly Expenditure Report – See Appendix D

11. Report of the Principal:

- A. Principal Report – See Appendix E
 - A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to approve for an out of state field trip to Bellow Falls, Vt. this coming Thursday, October 11th for the Primary Class to ride on the train. Unanimous yes vote.
- B. Calendar of Events –

12. Action Items:

- A. Vote to change the 2007-2008 School Calendar to add an early release day on October 10, 2007 – Motion made above under Report of the Superintendent.
- B. Vote to prepare a Request For Qualification (RFQ) – See Rowe Energy Committee above.

13. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee –
- B. Transportation Subcommittee –
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee –

14. Handouts:

15. Executive Session: - A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to go into executive session for the purpose of M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B(3) to conduct bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Entered Executive Session at 8:25pm and will come out of Executive Session to continue the regular session to finish the meeting.

16. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Rachel to adjourn the meeting for the evening. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson